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For: OLIGOMERS SUBSTITUTED BY PHOSPHITE ESTER, PHOSPHONIC
ACID OR CARBABORANE FUNCTIONS AND THE CORRESPONDING PNA
MONOMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination of the above-identified
application kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein W is a
hydrogen atom, U one or more units of formula Y, and Z an OH
group.

4. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein at least
one of the residues R¹ and R² exhibits one or more phosphite
ester or phosphonic acid functions.

5. (Amended) A compound as defined in claim 1, wherein at least
one of the residues R¹ and R² exhibits one or more carbaborane

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